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A NUMISMATICAL RAMBLE
THROUGH THE
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The Description and Localities of Objects of Art,
PAINTINGS, STATUARY, RELICS, & MEMENTOS
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Now in the Possession of Public Institutions, and of Citizens of the United States.

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P L A T E S ;

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600 AMERICAN MEDALS,

DESCRIBED IN PART SECOND,

ENGRAVED ON COPPER BY SKILFUL AMERICAN ARTISTS,

From Original Medals, taken from the Collections of Subscribers, and from
the Private Collection of the Author,

PROFESSOR DANIEL E. GROUX.

VOLUME III.

IN QUARTO.

BOSTON — 1856.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Any Information that may be given concerning American Coins and Medals, Valuable Pictures, Mementos of Former Times, relating to the history of the country, etc. ; also, Names of Persons or Institutions that wish to Subscribe to the Numismatical History of the United States, are requested to address, (post-paid), to

PROF. DANIEL E. GROUX,
Post Office, Boston,
Mass.

TESTIMONIALS.

Letter from General Nat. Tawson, to W. W. Corcoran, Esq.,
Banker, Washington, District of Columbia :

“WASHINGTON, November 3d, 1851.

“MY DEAR SIR:

“Permit me to introduce to your favorable notice Professor Groux, who has been arranging and describing in a catalogue, a collection of Coins and Medals for me, which I intend to present to the Maryland Historical Society.

“The Professor brought letters of introduction from the Honorable Edward Everett, and other distinguished men of Boston, and elsewhere. He has much information on the science of Numismatics, and has a very valuable and extensive collection of Coins and Medals relating to American history, and other subjects, without doubt the largest in the country; he will explain to you the object of his visit.

“Respectfully, your obd't serv't,

N. TAWSON.”

Letter from Dr. Winslow Lewis :

“BOSTON, June 15th, 1856.

“From an intimate acquaintance with Professor Groux for many years, and from some knowledge of the Science of Numismatology, I can state that there is no one more competent to write a work on the ‘Medals and Coins of the United States,’ than himself.

“His life has been devoted to the investigation of the coinage of the world, both ancient and modern, and his acquisitions on this subject are truly remarkable. He is a gentleman of great industry, of untiring patience, devoted to his favorite pursuit, and I have no doubt that the work he commences will be executed with fidelity and excellence.

“WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D.”

Letter from Professor C. C. Felton, Harvard University,
Cambridge :

“CAMBRIDGE, July 7th, 1856.

“I have been informed, by Mr. D. E. Groux, that he is preparing a Numismatic History of the United States.

“There can be no doubt that Coins and Medals are very important objects of study, as subsidiary to history and literature. The numismatic history of any nation or age, is a matter of interest to the scholar, and the science of numismatics deserves a place in the circle of liberal studies.

“A well executed history of the Coins and Medals of this country, would be a valuable contribution to literature. Mr. Groux has testimonials of his skill in numismatics, and of the value of his collections, from persons who have known him, and who have examined his collections, from which I presume he is competent to execute the work he proposes, in a satisfactory manner.

“C. C. FELTON,
Professor of Greek in Harvard University.”

Letter from Dr. Charles T. Jackson, Boston :

"STATE ASSAYER'S OFFICE, 32 SOMERSET ST.,
BOSTON, July 15th, 1856.

" DANIEL E. GROUX Esq., PROFESSOR OF NUMISMATICS,

" DEAR SIR :

" Having viewed your large collection of Coins and Medals, and listened to your explanation of many of them, I cannot fail to feel an interest in the intelligence you bring me, that you are about to publish a work on the 'NUMISMATICAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, COMPRISING A FULL DESCRIPTION OF ITS MEDALS AND COINS, FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD TO OUR TIMES.' Such a history, illustrated by proper engravings, will be a most valuable contribution to the history of the United States, and the more valuable, because it will begin at a period when our Numismatical History is not lost in the darkness of long bygone ages.

" Every student of history will appreciate your efforts in securing the important land-marks, which chronicle, in enduring metals, the events of the past, and will hail your forthcoming work with joy.

" It is hardly necessary for one so poorly qualified as myself, to attempt to pass any judgment upon your qualifications for this task; for you are sufficiently recommended by eminent scholars, and men of the highest standing in our community who are far better qualified than myself, to justly estimate your skill, talents, and labors. I can only join with them in wishing you that success which I am confident you eminently merit.

" Respectfully, your obd't serv't

" CHARLES T. JACKSON, M. D.,

" Assayer to the State of Massachusetts."

In proof of the competency of the Author for a satisfactory completion of the work proposed, it is only necessary to add, that he has in his possession many testimonials from distinguished Savants, highly commending his plan, and certifying to his superior qualifications for such an undertaking; he will insert those letters in the Preface; among which, it will be only necessary here to refer to letters from Commodore Andrew A. Harwood; from Gen. Lewis Cass; from Capt. Fred De la Roche, Washington, D. C.; from Rev. T. G. Morris, Baltimore; from Hon. W. M. Gwinn, Cal.; from Hon. Jos. R. Chandler, Penn.; from Hon. W. W. Seaton, Washington, D. C., etc., etc.

NUMISMATICAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES.

PROFESSOR D. E. GROUX proposes to publish, as early as possible, a "NUMISMATICAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES," in Three Volumes, comprising a full description of its MEDALS and COINS, from the earliest period to the present time.

The FIRST VOLUME will contain the results of a journey through the United States of North America, undertaken for the purpose of collecting items of interest pertaining to all Medals and Coins which have been struck in America, or other countries, relating to the history of the United States, a condensed description being given of public and private Numismatic Collections, and their localities; together with the descriptions and localities of OBJECTS OF ART, PAINTINGS, STATUARY, RELICS, and MEMENTOS of former times, now in the possession of Public Institutions, and of Citizens of the United States.

The SECOND VOLUME will comprise particular descriptions, and the histories of all American Medals and Coins, from the establishment of the country to the present day.

The THIRD VOLUME, in 4to., will consist of Sixty or Seventy Plates, accurately representing about Six Hundred Medals, described in Volume II., engraved from the originals in the collections of subscribers, and in the private collection of the Author, by the most skilful artists.

S P E C I M E N S

Of the Wood-Cuts, which are to be inserted in the Second Volume of the
NUMISMATICAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES,
to illustrate American Coins.



LORD BALTIMORE'S SHILLING,
STRUCK FOR MARYLAND.



FIRST DOLLAR,
WITH THE MAP OF AMERICA,
1684.

SPECIMENS of the Engraved American Medals, which are to form the entire Third Volume, and which are to be Engraved on Copper Plate by the best Artists, will also be furnished to Subscribers in a short time.

The Price of the Three Volumes will be limited to from Four to Five Dollars each, and will be published by one of our best publishing establishments, the reputation of whose house shall be a sure guarantee that, in point of typographical accuracy and neatness, the work cannot be surpassed. For his own part, the Author pledges himself, so far as persevering research will effect the object, to produce an American Numismatic History that will be exceedingly valuable to the nation, and altogether worthy of public attention. He ventures the hope, that he will be aided by the support of our influential men, in order to the satisfactory completion of a publication very much needed here, and which will place our growing nation on a similar footing with other countries that possess medallic histories. Nearly all the necessary materials for this great undertaking have been collected, and the Author confidently trusts that nothing more than the present notice is wanting to furnish the aid and encouragement requisite to bring to a speedy conclusion his long-continued and very arduous labors. He has every reason to believe that a work like the one contemplated, the only specimen of its kind, treating especially of American Medals and Coins, and furnishing a full and perfectly reliable description of them, will acquire an extensive European reputation, and be sought for with avidity by the millions in the "Old Countries," who are desirous of procuring all possible information relative to the character and history of this wonderfully progressive republic.

In order that an idea may be formed of the exceeding interest, importance, and value of the work proposed, it may be well to state that there exist many Medals and Coins, issued during the most interesting periods of the American Revolution, which are now inaccessible to the public; and numerous Medals, struck during the different wars; others granted for eminent services, for rewards of merit, inventions, etc., since the discovery of America, are in the collections of

private individuals, and would remain comparatively unknown, were it not for such a general Numismatical History of the United States as it is now proposed to furnish. For the thorough completion of this valuable work, a personal inspection of Numismatical Collections, Picture Galleries, etc., will be respectfully solicited by the Author, and whatever assistance and encouragement should be thereby derived will be by him most gratefully acknowledged in his work. Reference will be made to the locality and ownership of such Medals and Coins in private collections as it may be deemed necessary to submit to the skill of the engraver.

The historical and critical description of Paintings will be under the special care of the Author, who will be assisted by Professor George Howorth, of Boston, a very talented and competent judge of this important branch of the work. This gentleman has kindly volunteered his valuable services, his long and extensive experience in the renovation of paintings, and his accurate information relative to localities, rendering his opinion on this subject indispensable, and peculiarly interesting.

Since the arrival of the Author in the United States, in 1844, he has cherished the idea of publishing a work on American Medals and Coins, and, with this purpose in view, he has collected a large amount of statistical information on the subject, during his travels over an extensive portion of this continent, and has been enabled to inspect most of the public and private cabinets now existing. It is his intention to continue his researches in the States for the purpose of giving more authenticity to this national work, and of procuring all the information to be obtained from recent acquisitions made by public institutions and private individuals requisite to the perfection of his work. It is his intention to commence immediately the publication of the First Volume, and to continue as he proceeds on his numismatical and scientific investigation tour.

This part of the publication will appear in numbers, one for each State in the Republic, and the names of collectors and description of collections will be given, as well as of the owners of paintings, mementos of former times, etc., and the names of the subscribers to this work.

At the end of each number, the name of the state and its cities which he intends to visit shall be given, and announced in the papers.

No money will be required on subscribing for the work, but the numbers of the First Volume already issued can be obtained from the Author, at a reasonable price. He confidently trusts that, by personal communication with the owners of collections, he will receive such facilities in the promotion of his object, as to be enabled, at an early day, to present to the world a thorough and reliable publication on American Numismatical Science, that will deeply excite the interest of patriotic men, and contribute to the fame of this great Republic.

The records of famous incidents, of noble deeds, of the eminent services performed by distinguished patriots, archæological and artistic intelligence, much that relates to civil and military usages, are embodied in medallic history. Although, in modern times, historical events have not been recorded on coined money, special medals have been struck to commemorate them in England, and to such an extent, that a "Medallic History of England" has been published and received with extraordinary favor. A more recent, and very instructive modern series is that relating to the French Revolution, on which M. Hennin has founded his very interesting work, entitled, "Histoire Numismatique de la Révolution Française," published in Paris, in 1826. A similar work relating to Belgium, has also been recently published.

CONDITIONS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

Subscribers to the First and Second Volumes, on the American Medals and Coins, with 350 Wood-Cuts, will receive the Two Volumes for \$8.

Subscribers to the Whole Set, with over 1000 Engraved Medals and Coins, will receive the Three Volumes for \$15.

It is at the option of those Subscribers that are in favor of a speedy termination of this eminent Work, to assist greatly to its accomplishment, by paying, in advance :

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